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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Status of Certain Views Letters at OMB

On 29 December 1977 I talked with Tracey Cole, Phoebe Felk and Bob Carlstrom, all of OMB, concerning the status of certain views letters. Their responses are given below.

H.R. 747, H.R. 4173, H.R. 6051 and H.R. 6195 (Reform the Intelligence Community): Ms. Cole said she thought she had cleared them and added she would do so in the near future.

H.R. 3829 (Financial Disclosure): Ms. Felk indicated that she is holding this letter pending resolution of the tangle of ethics bills. OMB is reassessing its position, and she is not sure of the end result.

H.R. 9701 (Amend Budget and Accounting Act): Ms. Felk said that OMB is doing nothing on this.

H.R. 10 (Hatch Act Revisions): Ms. Felk did not know that the White House had sent a note to the Agency. She said she will check on the status of the letter and that OMB is reassessing its position.

S. 1721 (Amend Exemption to 5 U.S.C. 553): Mr. Carlstrom said that tentatively they will not wait for DOD's response before clearing letters. He does, however, have to wait until OMB's national security people O.K. the letter. The Chief Counsel of the Subcommittee is aware of the delay and does not object.

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